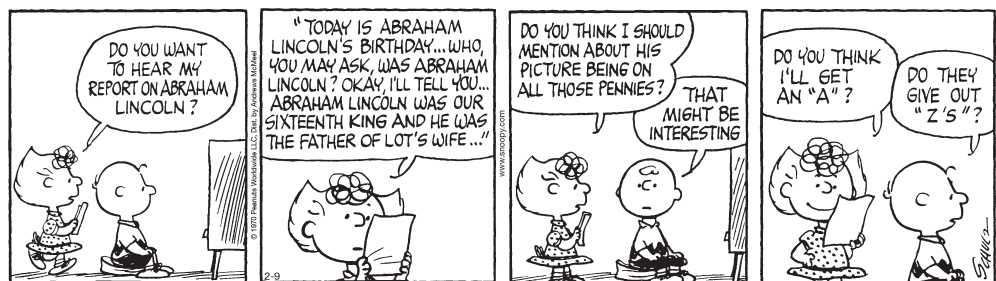


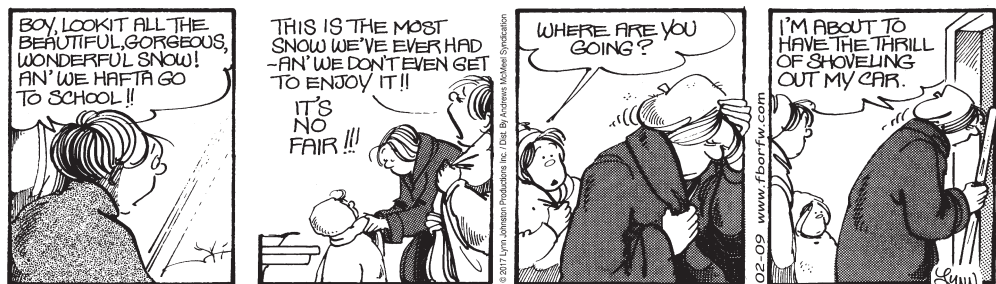
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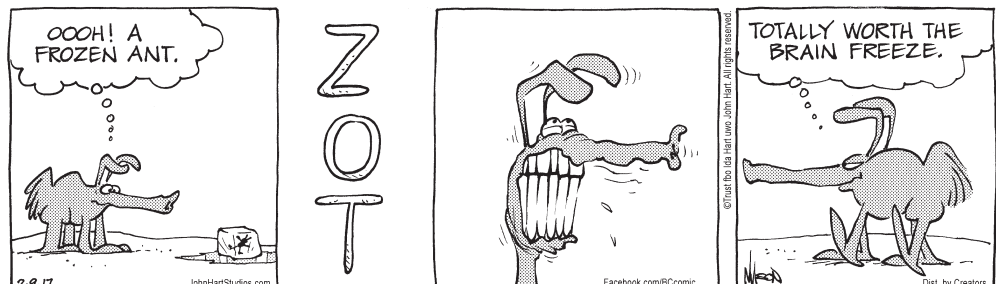
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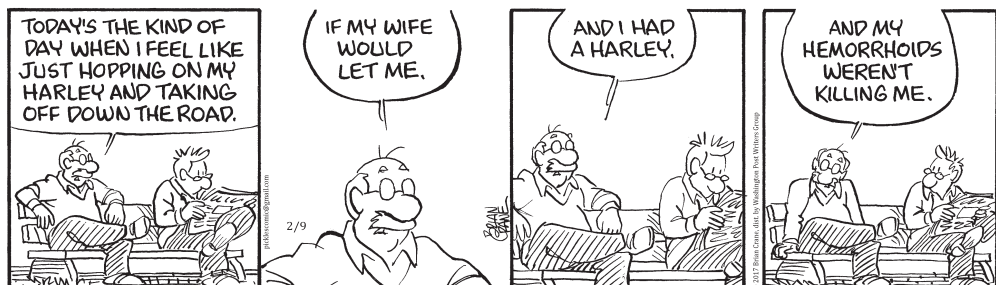
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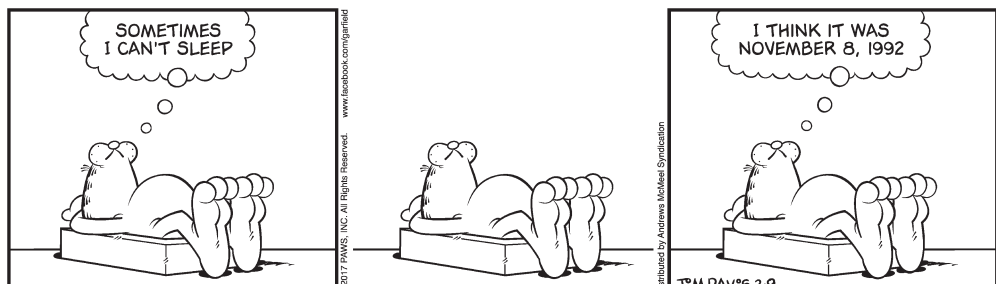
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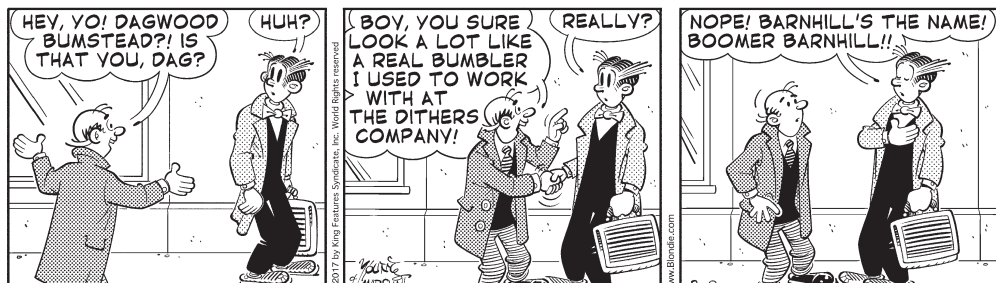
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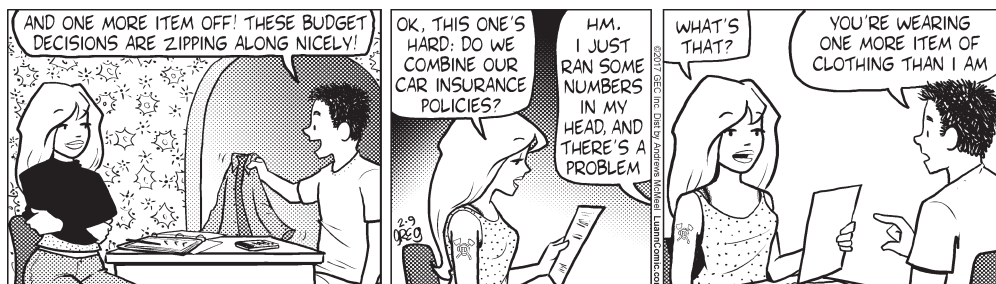
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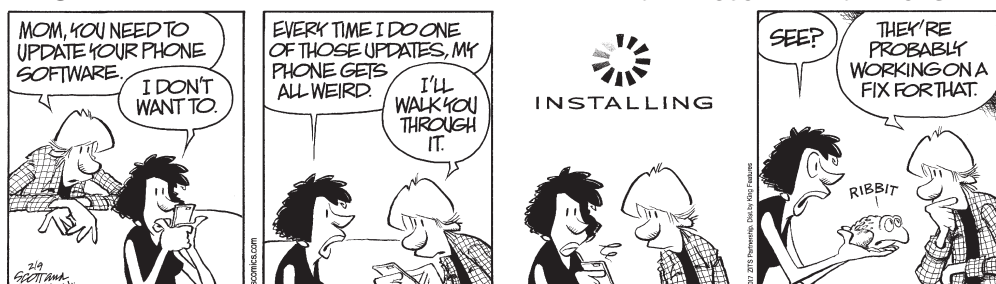
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DEAR ABBY

Playmate spills the beans about the birds and the bees



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

Dear Abby: I had planned to wait until my daughter was 12 and in the sixth grade to teach her about sex. Unfortunately, she was given a very thorough, graphically described education by a playmate. At the time, her playmate was in second grade. My daughter was in the third grade. I was devastated. Not only did I feel she was too young, I felt robbed of an experience that should be cherished between a mother and daughter.

ship seemed to be getting serious, he moved into my house. He was planning on returning to construction work a few months later, once his doctor cleared him. Unfortunately, the doctor said he would never be able to resume work in construction. He applied for Social Security Disability and, after two years of paperwork and waiting, he was denied.

I strongly believe that parents should decide for themselves when to teach their children about sex, and the children should not have the experience forced upon them. The playmate's parents like to think of themselves as progressive and nonconformist. When I confronted the mother, she deflected by becoming offended that I would assume they weren't responsible parents. She defended her daughter by saying, "Kids will talk. I'm sure she wasn't out to ruin your daughter's world." Am I wrong to be so offended? — Offended In New Jersey

He keeps himself busy by painting pictures. Occasionally he sells one or two paintings online or through art shows. However, what he earns is not nearly enough to support himself. I had to take a significant pay cut at work, and I'm having a hard time supporting both of us. My savings are being depleted, and my credit card balance is skyrocketing.

Dear Offended: Yes. Children DO talk, and 12 is far too late for them to start learning about sex. By then they have probably received an abundance of misinformation about it from their friends. Children are naturally curious about the world around them. That's why "the talk" should start as soon as a child begins asking questions. The facts don't have to be given all at once; the conversation should be ongoing, with more information added in an age-appropriate way.

I have told him repeatedly that he needs to get a job. He's not totally disabled. He could work — he just can't go back to construction. He insists he's going to make it big selling art. I tell him art is his hobby, not his career. I have also told him that I'm a financial wreck and that I'm going to lose my house, but he doesn't care. He says, "Buy a smaller house."

Dear Abby: My "boyfriend" and I are in our mid-40s. Three-and-a-half years ago he was in a bad accident. Because our relation-

I tell him he has to get a job or move out, but he doesn't do either. I'm ready to sell my house and live in a small apartment by myself. But I can't get him to leave. What can I do? — Over This In Illinois

Dear Over This: Because this man has lived with you for so long, getting him out of there may take the help of a lawyer. He's not an artist; he's an ingrate and a freeloader. Although you are having financial difficulties right now, it will be money well spent. Please don't wait.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Feb. 9, 1917

Notice to District Attorney R.I. Keaton to keep a sharp watch for any treasonable utterances or acts during the crisis with Germany and the presence in the city this morning of United States Marshal John Montag indicates that Uncle Sam is taking every precaution to guard against trouble from disloyal subjects. The presence of the United States marshal here this morning gave rise to many rumors as to his mission. The most persistent was that he had come to investigate personally the alleged treasonable remarks made by a local German merchant a few days ago. Whether or not this is a fact cannot at this time be ascertained. He is reported to have left on No. 17.

June, is expected home in the near future. Jones expects to receive his discharge from the U.S. Air Force Feb. 27 and plans to come home, probably about the middle of March. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Jones of Condon, and he plans to bring his family with him — his wife Katheryn, and their daughter Alice Kay, a year and a half old.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Feb. 9, 1992

A tractor-trailer lost its brakes and rolled over an embankment at about 12:45 p.m. Sunday at the K-Mart parking lot along Highway 395 in Pendleton. No one was injured in the accident and Schilling Towing was called to pull the rig off the embankment that was covered by trees and shrubs. A K-Mart employee notified the Pendleton police that the vehicle was not parked securely and already was "hanging over the embankment." Police received another report at 1:16 p.m. that the vehicle had gone over the edge. Attempts to contact the registered owners, who live in Ontario, were unsuccessful.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Feb. 9, 1967

Condon's most famous shot, A-1C Kenneth Jones, 25, who won the world trapshooting championship in Weisbaen, Germany last

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 40th day of 2017. There are 325 days left in the year.

Today's Highlights in History:

On Feb. 9, 1942, the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff held its first formal meeting to coordinate military strategy during World War II. Daylight-saving "War Time" went into effect in the United States, with clocks moved one hour forward. The SS Normandie, a former French liner being refitted for the U.S. Navy at a New York pier, caught fire (it capsized early the next morning).

Bureau was established.

In 1933, the Oxford Union Society approved, 275-153, a motion "that this House will in no circumstances fight for its King and Country," a stand that was widely denounced. (On this date in 1983, the Oxford Union rejected, 416-187, a motion "that this House would not fight for Queen and Country.")

In 1943, the World War II battle of Guadalcanal in the southwest Pacific ended with an Allied victory over Japanese forces.

In 1950, in a speech in Wheeling, West Virginia, Sen. Joseph McCarthy, R-Wis., charged the State Department was riddled with Communists.

In 1964, The Beatles made their first live American television appearance on "The Ed Sullivan Show," broadcast from New York by CBS.

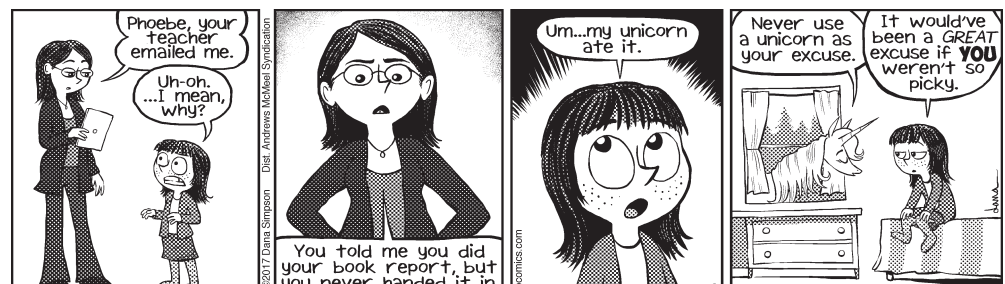
In 1971, a magnitude 6.6 earthquake in California's San Fernando Valley claimed 65 lives. The crew of Apollo 14 returned to Earth after man's third landing on the moon.

Today's Birthdays: Television journalist Roger Mudd is 89. Actress Janet Suzman is 78. Nobel Prize-winning author J.M. Coetzee is 77. Actress-politician Sheila James Kuehl (TV: "The Many Loves of Dobie Gillis") is 76. Singer-songwriter Carole King is 75. Actor Joe Pesci is 74. Singer Barbara Lewis is 74. Author Alice Walker is 73. Actress Mia Farrow is 72. Former Sen. Jim Webb, D-Va., is 71. Singer Joe Ely is 70. Actress Judith Light is 68. Rhythm-and-blues musician Dennis "DT" Thomas (Kool & the Gang) is 66. Actor Charles Shaughnessy is 62. Actor Ed Amatrudo (TV: "Nashville") is 61. Virginia Gov. Terry McAuliffe is 60. Jazz musician Steve Wilson is 56. Country singer Travis Tritt is 54. Actress Julie Warner is 52. Country singer Danni Leigh is 47. Actor-producer Charlie Day is 41. Actor Michael B. Jordan is 30.

Thought for Today: "Modesty is the conscience of the body." — Honore de Balzac, French author and dramatist (1799-1850).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

